

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

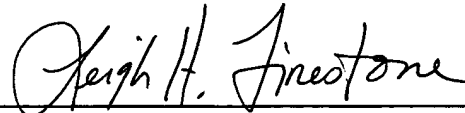
Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dai et al. (US 2004/0093719) in view of Jamison et al. (US 5,475,040). In view of the amendments to claim 1, this rejection is moot. Claim 1 as amended includes the limitations of the encapsulant being comprised of a blend of styrene and butadiene polymers, of a weight ratio of about 19:1 to about 17:3, or about 9:1, or about 10% polybutadiene. See specification paragraph 78 for supporting language.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, it is submitted that the pending claims define an invention that is patentable over the art. As the application should now be in condition for allowance, a prompt indication to that effect would be appreciated. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, he is welcome to contact the undersigned at (650) 251-7707.

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